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The Order Remanding to Examiner mailed December 20, 2001 (Paper No. 40) questions whether the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 8, 1998 (Paper No. 24) has been considered. The Office action mailed October 14, 1998 (Paper No. 26) on the Form PTO-326 under the "Attachment(s)" section and the initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledges it.

The remand also alleges an error to claim 17, line 6 wherein "essentially" is deleted. However, amendment G filed January 13, 1999 (Paper No. 27) which contains the last amended claim 17, the corrected Appendix filed December 15, 1999 (Paper No. 42), as well as the Appendix of the Appeal brief filed November 23, 1999 (Paper No. 39) all contain the word "essentially" in claim 17, line 6. There is no amendment authorizing the deletion of the term and no indication in the Notification of Non-Compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) mailed December 2, 1999 (Paper No. 40) that the word is erroneous.

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